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SUBJECT: FO, ETUC AND EUROPEAN UNITY

1. SUMMARY. FO IS SPECIALLY INTERESTED IN GISCARD'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN UNITY BECAUSE OF ITS COMMITMENT TO VISION OF UNITED STATES OF EUROPE AND ITS MISGIVINGS ABOUT FACT THAT ETUC MEMBERSHIP WAS EXPANDED BEYOND EC MEMBER COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. GISCARD'S EFFORTS TO REVIVE HOPES FOR EUROPEAN UNITY ARE FOLLOWED WITH SPECIAL INTEREST BY FORCE OUVRIERE FOR TWO REASONS:

(A) FORCE OUVRIERE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY EUROPEAN ORIENTED AND FOR SEVERAL YEARS HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREATER EFFORT BY GOF TOWARDS SOME FORM OF UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. ACCORDINGLY, GISCARD CAN COUNT ON THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF FO LEADERS AND RANK AND FILE IN ANY INITIATIVE HE MAY TAKE IN DIRECTION OF A UNITED EUROPE; IN CONTRAST, CGT REMAINS OPPOSED TO SUCH A MOVE WHILE CFDT WOULD OFFER ONLY QUALIFIED SUPPORT.

(B) FO HAS BEEN EQUALLY CONSISTENT IN ITS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH ETUC (EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION) WAS ESTABLISHED AND ITS MEMBERSHIP EXPANDED. IN FO'S VIEW THERE IS A CONTRADICTION AND THEREFORE AN INEVITABLE SOURCE OF CONFLICT IN THE FACT THAT UNIONS FROM EC MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE SAME EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION. FO HAS ARGUED THAT SOONER OR LATER THE UNIONS OF EC MEMBER-COUNTRIES WOULD BE COMPELLED TO ACT IN RESPONSE TO COMMON MARKET POLICIES AND INITIATIVES WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OR EVEN DESIRABILITY OF CONSULTING THE REMAINING ETUC MEMBERS. FO NEVER GAVE UP HOPE THAT HER COMMON MARKET SISTERS WOULD REALIZE ONE DAY THE BASIS AND MERITS OF FO'S ORIGINAL POSITION CALLING FOR A EUROPEAN GROUPING LIMITED TO EC COUNTRIES AND ORGANICALLY LINKED TO ICFTU.

3. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING ANALYSIS FO IS GETTING READY TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENTED BY

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A REVITALIZED EC AND BY GROWING PROSPECTS OF A UNITED EUROPE TO EXPOSE THE INHERENT CONTRADICTION IN THE ETUC MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTE CLOSER TIES BETWEEN EC MEMBER UNIONS. FO LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED RECENTLY ARE PREPARED TO GO SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST THAT IF EVENTS BRING ABOUT THIS REALIGNMENT OF EUROPEAN LABOR ETUC WILL CEASE TO EXIST FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES AND INSTEAD THERE WILL BE A MORE COHERENT AND THEREFORE VIABLE AND PURPOSEFUL ORGANIZATION FORMED BY UNIONS OF THE EC MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE SAME FO LEADERS KEEP EMPHASIZING, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR ANALYSIS AND PROJECTED COURSE OF EUROPEAN LABOR HISTORY IN THE MONTHS OR YEARS AHEAD DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE SUCCESS OF ANY EFFORTS BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GISCARD AND OTHERS TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN UNITY. THEY RECOGNIZE ALSO THAT BRITISH TUC CONTINUING HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE COMMON MARKET REPRESENTS A BIT OF A PROBLEM.

4. COMMENT. FO'S COMMITMENT TO THE VISION OF A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE IS INTENSE AND FUNDAMENTAL FOR ITS VERY EXISTENCE. IT COULD BECOME A SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL POLITICAL FACTOR IF GISCARD'S INITIATIVES COME UNDER COMBINED COMMUNIST-GAULLIST CRITICISM.

5. WITH REGARD TO FO'S VIEWS ON ETUC MEMBERSHIP, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO QUESTION THEM. THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT AS EXPLAINED BY FO DOES EXIST. ITS SURFACING ONLY DEPENDS UPON THE DEGREE TO WHICH EC MAY BE RELAUNCHED AND EXPANDED INTO MONETARY AND POLITICAL FIELDS.

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